

Council on Postsecondary Education
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May Graduates

Improving the educational attainment of Kentucky's population is one of the most important measures of success of postsecondary education reform. The goal of reaching the national average in terms of the percent of adults with a bachelor's degree or above by 2020 requires all of the institutions to increase degree production significantly.

More than half of all degrees are awarded at spring commencements in May. At the May Council meeting, the Council staff will present information on the number of these degrees and credentials awarded. The numbers will be preliminary estimates and some of these figures will change slightly before they become official. This information is a good gauge of how well the institutions are doing in terms of improving degree production for the year.

SPRING DEGREES CONFERRED BY LEVEL
Kentucky Public Institutions
Spring 1998 - Preliminary Spring 2006

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Institutions	Diploma	Certificate	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master's/Spec	Doctoral	First-Prof	Total
Eastern Kentucky University	1998		1	114	762	128		1,005
	1999			110	815	151		1,076
	2000		2	116	780	158		1,056
	2001		17	104	824	147		1,092
	2002		7	93	759	143		1,002
	2003		1	87	821	137		1,046
	2004		3	108	804	250		1,165
	2005		3	119	899	230		1,251
	Preliminary 2006		4	108	1,060	320		1,492
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006		33.3	-9.2	17.9	39.1		19.3
Kentucky State University	2001-2006		-76.5	3.8	28.6	117.7		36.6
	1998			62	149	15		226
	1999			41	120	24		185
	2000			41	141	16		198
	2001			32	142	18		192
	2002			50	147	23		220
	2003			38	140	27		205
	2004			38	136	26		200
	2005			40	137	35		212
	Preliminary 2006			46	133	16		195
Morehead State University	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006		15.0	-2.9	-54.3			-8.0
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006		43.8	-6.3	-11.1			1.6
	1998			59	446	70		575
	1999			51	437	76		564
	2000			51	455	79		585
	2001			45	409	68		522
	2002			47	427	76		550
	2003			54	412	95		561
	2004			73	479	79		631
	2005			81	535	120		736
Murray State University	Preliminary 2006			90	567	159		816
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006		11.1	6.0	32.5			10.9
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006		100.0	38.6	133.8			56.3
	1998			15	566	187		768
	1999			11	607	170		788
	2000			16	739	194		949
	2001			13	650	209		872
	2002		2	11	714	218		945
	2003		1	14	718	231		964
	2004			20	783	217		1,020
Northern Kentucky University	2005			17	759	212		988
	Preliminary 2006			15	780	242		1,037
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006		-11.8	2.8	14.2			5.0
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006		15.4	20.0	15.8			18.9
	1998			147	603	92		928
	1999		1	143	590	97		922
	2000		2	138	573	70		871
	2001			135	625	80		907
	2002			178	646	83		70
	2003			195	698	137		1,119
Preliminary 2006	2004		9	134	695	185		84
	2005		3	164	767	185		122
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006		193	869	192			1,241
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006		17.7	13.3	3.8			1,397
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006		43.0	39.0	140.0			12.6
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006		43.0	39.0	140.0			54.0

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University of Kentucky	1998			1,826	462	92	344	2,724
	1999			1,849	471	66	352	2,738
	2000			1,890	465	83	346	2,784
	2001			1,874	458	74	351	2,757
	2002			1,959	381	79	327	2,746
	2003			1,968	454	85	347	2,854
	2004			1,982	578	91	346	2,997
	2005			1,939	572	113	374	2,998
	Preliminary 2006			2,095	470	100	365	3,030
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006			8.0	-17.8	-11.5	-2.4	1.1
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006			11.8	2.6	35.1	4.0	9.9
University of Louisville	1998	60	62	880	497	29	321	1,849
	1999	60	60	876	513	25	301	1,835
	2000	59	63	870	454	36	284	1,766
	2001	64	58	962	731	36	296	2,147
	2002	79	57	893	719	39	295	2,082
	2003	76	30	938	609	38	298	1,989
	2004	72	32	995	703	48	315	2,165
	2005	65	32	1,073	708	55	308	2,241
	Preliminary 2006	91	44	1,184	870	71	323	2,583
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006	40.0	37.5	10.3	22.9	29.1	4.9	15.3
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006	42.2	-24.1	23.1	19.0	97.2	9.1	20.3
Western Kentucky University	1998		165	847	166			1,178
	1999		127	935	131			1,193
	2000		132	841	152			1,125
	2001		139	834	148			1,121
	2002	2	124	1,027	161			1,314
	2003		136	946	248			1,330
	2004	36	146	1,118	277			1,577
	2005	36	149	1,141	322			1,648
	Preliminary 2006	40	160	1,456	346			2,002
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006	11.1	7.4	27.6	7.5			21.5
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006		15.1	74.6	133.8			78.6
KCTCS	1999		293					293
	2000		290					290
	2001	933	1,282	2,353				4,568
	2002	942	2,210	2,569				5,721
	2003	879	1,996	2,830				5,705
	2004	1,225	3,097	3,199				7,521
	2005	1,173	4,071	3,354				8,598
	Preliminary 2006	1,604	6,104	3,611				11,319
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006	36.7	49.9	7.7				31.6
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006	71.9	376.1	53.5				147.8
Total	1998	61	624	6,079	1,617	121	751	9,253
	1999	61	836	6,229	1,633	91	744	9,594
	2000	63	847	6,289	1,588	119	718	9,624
	2001	933	1,363	2,879	6,320	1,859	110	714
	2002	942	2,300	3,129	6,572	1,804	118	692
	2003	879	2,074	3,384	6,641	1,938	123	734
	2004	1,225	3,217	3,750	6,992	2,315	139	745
	2005	1,173	4,178	3,956	7,250	2,384	168	804
	Preliminary 2006	1,604	6,239	4,267	8,144	2,615	171	831
	One Year Percent Change - 2005-2006	36.7	49.3	7.9	12.3	9.7	1.8	3.4
	Five Year Percent Change - 2001-2006	71.9	357.7	48.2	28.9	40.7	55.5	16.4
								68.4

NOTE: KCTCS Technical College data were not available until 2001.

Source: CPE Comprehensive Data Base

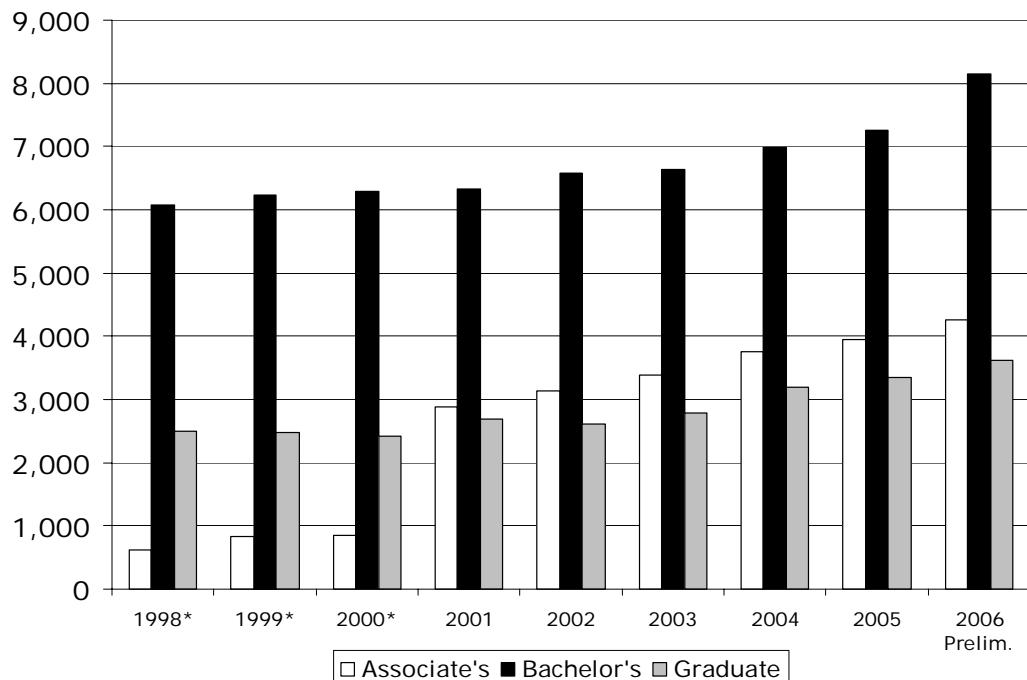
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Kentucky Public Postsecondary Education Preliminary Spring 2006 Degrees and Awards

- Based on preliminary information from the public colleges and universities, Kentucky had the largest graduating class this Spring in postsecondary education history.
- Nearly 24,000 students earned a degree, certificate, or diploma in Spring 2006. This represents a 19.9% increase over Spring 2005.
- The number of bachelor's degrees awarded increased by 12.3 percent from 7250 in Spring 2005 to 8144 in Spring 2006 and 28.9% over the past five years. This represents a nearly 34% increase since Spring 1998.
- Eastern and Western Kentucky University saw the largest increases in the number of bachelor's degrees (17.9% and 27.6% increases, respectively) compared to Spring 2005. For Western, this represents an increase of nearly 75% over the past five years.
- The University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University both saw declines in the number of graduate degrees they conferred compared to Spring 2005.
- The Kentucky Community and Technical College System once more saw phenomenal growth. The system awarded a record number of credentials including 1605 diplomas, 6104 certificates, and 3611 associates' degrees this Spring (representing 36.7%, 49.9%, and 7.7% increases compared to Spring 2005).

**Kentucky Public Postsecondary Degrees Awarded
Spring 1998-2006 (preliminary)**



*Degree and credential information for the technical schools was not available for Spring 1998-2000.